HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Property Address: 3530 Ordway Street, NW Agenda

Landmark/District: **Cleveland Park Historic District** X Consent Calendar Meeting Date: X Concept Review **September 27, 2012**

H.P.A. Number: 12-567

X Alteration Staff Reviewer: Subdivision **Anne Brockett**

On behalf of owner Zuckerman Partners LLC, architect Ankie Barnes seeks concept review to make modifications to the exterior of this house in the Cleveland Park Historic District. The home was designed by Winthrop Faulkner as his personal residence in 1964, which falls outside the period of significance for the historic district (1880-1941). Although it is a non-contributing property, it is nonetheless a significant work by a notable District of Columbia architect.

Project Description

The house is situated on the south side of Ordway, but is oriented with its entry to the west, presenting a nearly blank wall to the street. Work is proposed for the three sides of the building that do not face Ordway, although the rear of the house (facing east) is somewhat visible.

On the front (west) façade, a chimney would be added toward the south end of the house, covering two second story windows. On the south side (facing away from the street), a sunroom and shed would be replaced with a smaller one-story addition with deck above. New window and door openings will be added on the second floor, where there currently is no fenestration.

On the rear (facing east), a slight projection will be created for a new stair, and the extensive roof overhang will be reduced to allow more light into the second floor. The second floor windows in this area would also be enlarged by adding transoms above. A rear trellis and garden wall are proposed, which will be minimally visible from Ordway. Finally, all windows will be replaced to match the existing, as will the proposed new windows.

Evaluation

The proposed alterations are compatible with the house and the surrounding historic district while also being respectful of the building's original design intent. The design and materials of the addition and stair tower will match those of the existing house. For instance, new windows on the rear and stair tower will match the configuration of the existing with a large fixed pane over two operable sashes; the new chimney matches the height and form of the existing chimney; and the glass railing on the balcony reflects the modern aesthetic of the design.

With the exception of the trellis and garden wall, all changes will be largely invisible from the street. For this aspect of the project, the HPO encourages the use of modern materials and a painted brick wall to match the house.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends that the Board find the project compatible with the character of the historic district and delegate final approval to staff.